THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1979 was based on the Drug Policy, 1978 which had been approved at the appropriate level.

(b) All required approvals shall be obtained.

Agitation in Assam against the Oil Chairman

2588. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agitation was going on on behalf of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) demanding the removal of the Chairman of the public sector firm, Oil India Limited and what were the reasons for the agitation.

(b) whether Government have verified the allegations made against the Chairman and what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether Government are aware that such chauvinistic attitude in various States like Assam and Bombay are to be thwarted to create a sense of security in the minds of the public sector officers and whether Government would take necessary steps to inculcate national awareness amongst the people there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) AASU were demanding removal of the Chairman O.I.L. based on certain allegations, which are being examined.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Captive Power Plants

2589. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRI ADINARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy regarding the installation of captive Power Plants;

(b) what is the existing capacity of Captive Power Plants;

(c) whether there is any possibility of increasing their efficiency and also the low cost fuels;

(d) whether licences are issued for import of these diesel generating sets; and

(e) if so, what is the power range in which import is allowed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Permission to instal captive plants is accorded where the requirement of power is substantial and continuous and reliable power supply is necessary. The State Electricity Boards are empowered to accord such permission if the capacity is upto 25 MW; consultation with the Central Electricity Authority is necessary in cases where the proposed capacity is more than 25 MW. The existing capacity of captive power plants in the private sector is about 4000 MW.

(c) Higher efficiencies can be achieved if the captive power plants operate in cogeneration mode. Low cost fuels are in use for diesel generating (DG) sets.

(d) and (e) Under the Import Policy, DG sets of ratings above 1000 KVA are allowed to be imported Applications for DG sets in the range from above 500 KVA to 1000 KVA are also considered on merits depending upon the delivery schedule from